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In re Application of  
ELDERING  
Application No.: 09/204,888  
Filed: December 3, 1998  
Attorney Docket No.: T702-00 (8887.3002)

**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**  
**DECISION ON PETITION**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed May 2, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed October 5, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained and a Notice of Appeal was not filed. Accordingly, by operation of law, the above-identified application became abandoned on January 06, 2005.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and submission as required by 37 CFR 1.114; (2) the petition fee and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the final Office action of October 05, 2004 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

The application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2611.

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